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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ROGER SWEARINGEN

1. ROGER SWEARINGEN, PROFESSOR AT USC SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PLANS TO VISIT JAPAN AUG. 23 - SEPT.1 AND WISHES TO CALL ON EMBASSY SOMETIME AFTER AUG. 25 TO DISCUSS HIS SPECIALTY, SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY, WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS. SWEARINGEN'S FIELD IN USSR'S ASIAN POLICY, ESPECIALLY AS IT PERTAINS TO JAPAN AND CHINA AND HE HAS BEEN TO JAPAN ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TO MEET WITH OTHER EXPERTS. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH A NUMBER OF INTERESTED PEOPLE IN MOFA AND JDS AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MEET WITH INTERESTED EMBASSY OFFICERS.

2. SWEARINGEN SAYS THAT HE HAS JUST SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS IN USSR UNDER "SENIOR SCHOLAR EXCHANGE PROGRAM", AND ALSO IN BONN WHERE HE CLAIMS HIS VISIT WAS SPONSORED BY FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY. SWEARINGEN PLANS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT A CONFERENCE IN SENDAI AUGUST 23 - 25, PROCEEDING TO TOKYO THEREAFTER AND REMAINING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1.

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3. SWEARINGEN SAYS THAT HE MET WITH AMBASSADOR HODGSON

DURING A VISIT TO TOKYO LAST YEAR AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR URGED HIM TO GIVE EMBASSY ADVANCE NOTICE OF HIS NEXT TRIP. SWEARINGEN ALSO CLAIMS TO BE AN OLD FRIEND OF MINISTER SHOESMITH. HE DOES NOT YET HAVE A TOKYO ADDRESS, BUT CAN BE REACHED BETWEEN AUG 22 - 25 AT HOTEL SENDAI PLAZA TEL. 0222-62-7111.

4. SWEARINGEN HAS MADE HIS OWN APPOINTMENTS AND REQUESTS NO REPEAT NO ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY. HE DID, HOWEVER, ASK THAT AMBASSADOR AND DCM BE APPRISED OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS AND WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN HIS FIELD. KISSINGER

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